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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Update on SR-60 Reopening and Bridge Demolition

Montebello — The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) expects to re-open both directions of the Pomona Freeway (SR-60) to traffic by the evening commute on Friday, December 16. Eastbound and westbound SR-60 was closed Wednesday afternoon between the Long Beach Freeway (I-710) and the San Gabriel River Freeway (I-605) after a tanker truck caught fire on eastbound SR-60 at Paramount Boulevard. There were no serious injuries.

Demolition is now underway of the Paramount Boulevard bridge above eastbound SR-60.

As of 3 p.m. today, the closure on westbound SR-60 has been shortened. Caltrans and the California Highway Patrol have moved the westbound closure limit to Rosemead Boulevard from I-605. This allows motorists to continue their commutes further on westbound SR-60 to exit at Rosemead Boulevard. The freeway connector transition from northbound and southbound I-710 to eastbound SR-60 remains closed.

Caltrans will work throughout the night to assess whether the contractor will fully demolish the entire Paramount Boulevard bridge structure or to limit the demolition to the span over eastbound SR-60.

An emergency construction contract has been awarded to Flatiron to perform the work.

Motorists are advised to plan ahead, be patient, and use alternate routes or public transportation, if possible. Signed detours are in place.

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